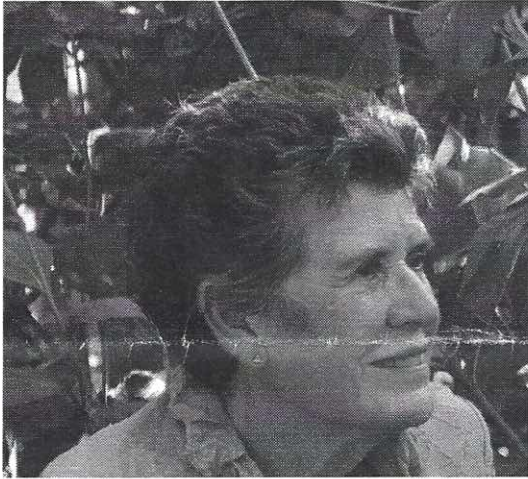


THE SURF PINES BREEZE



Summer in Surf Pines is incredibly beautiful. We are so lucky to share this small piece of paradise ~ the pines, the beach, the grasses, the flowers, the eagles and hawks as well as the deer and elk create a magic that few others experience. Thank you to everyone who works to maintain and enhance our community.

Your Board of Directors has worked hard this year to plan for the future while maintaining a solid hold on the finances for your benefit. Surf Pines is financially sound. We have listened and dealt with issues as they have arisen, and look forward to your continued input for creating a beautiful

and cohesive community.

As a community our current challenge is get safely through the fire season. Our local fire personnel have expressed grave concern about fires within Clatsop County. Within this issue of The Breeze you will find information about safety with fireworks, which are not permitted within Surf Pines, beach fires, and recreational fire pits within our yards. Living on Ocean Drive, within the dunes and seagrass, I have positioned sprinklers within the yard to keep the field grasses from drying out and have maintained the trees so that they are away from the house. We each need to play a role in keeping our homes, guests and residents safe from fires this summer.

The two issues that have kept resident interest this year are road maintenance and whether we should use herbicides in the public spaces like the park and road sides. During the moratorium from spraying we have used various methods to control the weeds. A working group has labored to develop a road maintenance plan for the roads. The Board and I continue to search for ways to keep our residents safe and our public spaces usable and beautiful. The Community Relations has fun plans for young and old in the next months: the garage sale, the annual picnic, a movie in the park and a fall art show. In addition, the Annual Meeting is August 8th. I look forward to the opportunity to sharing these events with you.

Plan to Attend the Annual Meeting

The next Annual Meeting of the Surf Pines Association, as announced by Susan Holloway, President, is scheduled for Saturday, August 8 at 9 a.m., at the Astoria Country Club.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UPCOMING EVENTS

"Picnic in the Park" Sunday July 5th 1 pm

An invitation to have a meal with neighbors, friends and family. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to compliment the hamburgers, and hot dogs. There will also be water and pop provided though BYOB is encouraged to suit your taste. Our ice cream table with toppings for that banana split or traditional sugar or wafer cone will have its own place of honor. The variety of dishes provided by Surf Pine residents is always a lively topic of conversation as we share favorite recipes while enjoying the flavors.

The egg toss is on! Practice up as the prizes are better this year. Young and old are welcome. Hope to see you there!

"Movie Night in the Park" Saturday August 15th 7 pm

Children and adults alike will enjoy watching a movie (TBA) under the stars. Popcorn, s'mores and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite lawn chair and/or quilt. Movie suggestions, age appropriate of course, can be submitted online or speak to a CRC member. There will be a permission slip available at the annual meeting and online for unaccompanied minors. Five adults have already volunteered to chaperone. The movie name will be announced at the annual meeting and put online.

Art Show in October

In addition to the above events there is a tentative date of Saturday, October 3rd for the Art Show. The Surf Pine Artists involved in last years showing provided valuable insight about evolving the show. There are several local residents that produce art in different mediums. It was suggested that those Surf Pine residents wanting to participate in their field of expertise would be more than welcome.

Holiday Gathering

Planning for December in July may seem premature to think about our annual Christmas/Holiday Party. However it is not too early to mark Saturday, December 12th as "save the date." David and Cindy Leibel have graciously agreed to host the party this year. More information to come in the fall.

Sunset Lake Boating Rules

Please be aware of the rules for boating on Sunset Lake, including the speed limit of 10 MPH set by the State of Oregon. The Clatsop County Sheriff non emergency number is: 503-325-2061. For safety's sake, please report violators.

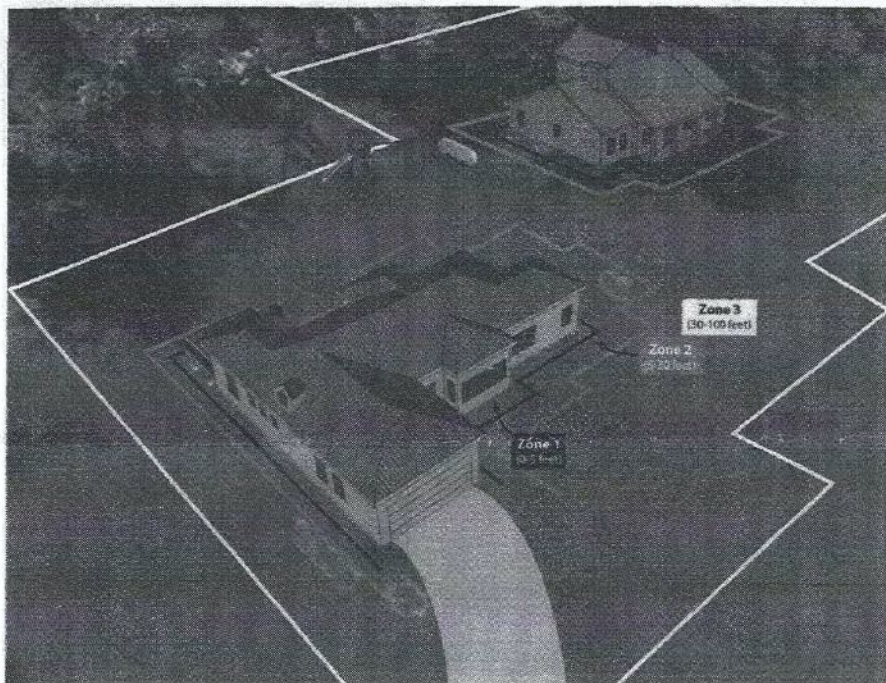
Wayne McVey: A Thank You Note from Diane McVey

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks for the cards, messages, gifts and calls I received from our many friends and acquaintances here in Surf Pines on the occasion of my beloved husband's passing.

Create Defensible Space

Defensible space is the space between a structure and the wildland area that creates a sufficient buffer to slow or halt the spread of wildland fire to a structure. It **protects the home** from igniting due to direct flame or radiant heat. Defensible space is essential to protect a structure during a wildland fire. For more information about defensible space zones and preparedness techniques, visit www.firewise.org or your area's local defensible space program's website.

Defensible space is the required space between a structure and the wildland area that under normal conditions creates a sufficient buffer to slow or halt the spread of wildfire to a structure. It protects the home from igniting due to direct flame or radiant heat. Defensible space is essential for structure survivability during wildland fire conditions.



ZONE 1

0-30 feet around your home or to property line

- Use hard surfaces such as concrete or noncombustible rock mulch 0-5 feet around home.
- Use non-woody, low growing herbaceous vegetation. Succulent plants and ground covers are good choices.
- Store firewood and other combustible materials, at least 30 feet away from your home, garage, or attached deck.
- Trim back touching or over hanging branches from the roof to a distance of at least 10 feet.

ZONE 2

30-100 feet around your home or to property line

- Create vegetation groups, "islands," to break up continuous fuels around your home.
- Remove ladder fuels to create a separation between low-level vegetation and tree branches to keep fire from climbing up trees.
- Remove leaf and needle debris from the yard.
- Keep grass and wildflowers under 8" in height.

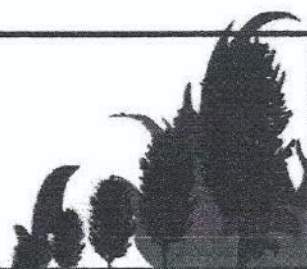
ZONE 3

100-200 feet around your home or to property line

- Create and maintain a minimum of 10 feet between the tops of trees.
- Remove ladder fuels, creating a separation between low-level vegetation and tree branches to keep fire from climbing up trees.
- Remove dead trees and shrubs.

Ladder Fuels

Ladder fuels are those that will allow the fire to climb from the surface fuels into the upper portion of the tree. They can be **eliminated** by increasing horizontal and vertical **separation between vegetation**.



HOTTER THAN YOU THINK!

1200°

WIRE SPARKLERS

A Leading Cause of Injuries

900°

Glass Melts

575°

Wood Burns

350°

Cakes Bake

212°

Water Boils

120°

Water Heater



KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

BE EXTRA CAREFUL WITH SPARKLERS

Sparklers should never be given to children age 5 and under.

(Source: American Pyrotechnics Association)

Be Prepared

- Store sparklers and fireworks out of children's reach.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Keep pets indoors for their safety.
- Have water available (a garden hose or water bucket).

Be Safe

- Do not allow children to handle fireworks.
- Never wave, point, twirl, toss, throw or run with a sparkler.
- Keep the sparkler at arm's length from the body.

Be Responsible

- Soak used sparklers and fireworks in water overnight.
- Properly dispose of used sparklers, fireworks, or debris.

Be Aware

- Use only legal fireworks. Store in cool, dry place.
- Contact local authorities for laws specific to your area.
- Fireworks are prohibited on all beaches, state parks, and state or federal forest lands in Oregon.

For more fire safety information contact your local fire agency:



Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

<http://oregon.gov/osp/sfm>

COOKING APPLIANCES

Safe Operation:

- Make sure to have proper ventilation before operating the appliance.
- Open an overhead vent or turn on the exhaust fan.
- Watch what you heat. A leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from burners.
- Never use cooking appliances for heating.
- If You Smell Gas:
 - Check your stove knobs to make sure they are in the off position.
 - Put out all open flames (pilot lights, lamps, smoking materials, etc.).
 - Shut off the gas supply.
 - Do not operate electrical switches. Turning a switch on or off can create a spark and may cause an explosion.
 - Open doors, windows, and vents.
 - Leave the RV until the odor is gone.
 - Have the gas system checked and repaired by a qualified professional.

ELECTRIC HEATERS

- All heaters need space. Keep things that can burn such as paper, furniture, bedding, or curtains, at least three feet from heating equipment.
- Plug space heaters directly into an electrical outlet. Do not use extension cords or power strips.
- Purchase and use portable space heaters with an automatic shut-off, so if they're tipped over, they will shut off.
- Place space heaters on a solid, flat surface.

GENERAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Make sure the power cord connecting the RV to the campground electricity supply is in good condition.
- Inspect for cracked or damaged cords, broken plugs, or loose connections on all appliances.
- Avoid electrical overload. Limit the number of appliances operating at one time.

GENERATOR SAFETY

- Check all exhaust system connections regularly for leaks and tighten as necessary.
- Make sure the generator tail pipe extends past the edge of the RV.
- Always operate the generator in an area where the wind will carry the exhaust fumes away from the RV.
- Allow the generator to cool down before refueling.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- Install a CO alarm inside your RV.
- If the alarm chirps, replace the batteries or the entire alarm, depending on the manufacturer's recommendations.
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SMOKE ALARMS

- Install a smoke alarm inside your RV.
- If the alarm chirps, replace the batteries or the entire alarm, depending on the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

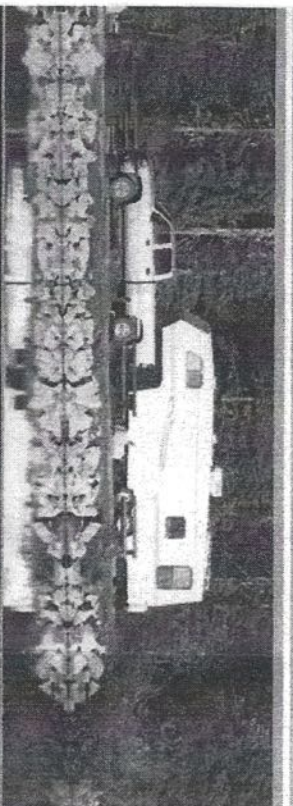
- Have an extinguisher installed near the primary exit and know how to use it. When in doubt, just get out.
- Extinguishers are meant to put out small fires.
- Use extinguishers only if it can be done without putting yourself or others in danger.
- Once a month, turn dry chemical extinguishers upside down and tap on the bottom to loosen the powder.
- Make sure the needle on the gauge is in the green, indicating it is fully charged.

FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- Make sure emergency exit windows and hatchets are clearly marked and in good working order.
- Make sure all occupants know where and how to operate escape windows.
- Keep exit routes unobstructed.
- Have an escape plan and practice it.
- If your smoke or CO alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Call 9-1-1 from outside.

CAMPFIRE SAFETY

- Call before you go to ensure campfires are allowed.
- Always have a shovel and a bucket of water nearby to extinguish any escaped embers.
- Select a site away from grasses and shrubs, overhanging branches, and stacked firewood.
- Established campgrounds with existing fire pits are best.
- Scrape away leaves and litter to bare soil, at least 10 feet on all sides.
- Circle your campfire pit with rocks. Keep your campfire small and add wood in small amounts.
- Never leave the camp fire unattended.
- Before going to bed or leaving the campsite, drown all embers with water, stir the coals, and drown again. Repeat until the fire is dead out.



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FOR LIFE-THREATENING
EMERGENCIES, CALL 911

ROADS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Roads and Grounds activity has been on hold for the past several months. Several committee members have resigned causing an interruption in the normal operation of the committee. A new committee has been established and began functioning in June. At long last the paving project on south Ocean Drive, originally scheduled to be done by Oct 2014, has finally been completed. The gates continue to operate with only a few interruptions, mainly for routine service. Restoration of the park, by controlling invasive weeds (notably, sand burrs) by covering the park grounds with wood chips to smother the weeds, is in progress.

A project to connect the Warrenton water system to the Polo Ridge development was undertaken by Big River Construction. A three foot wide ditch had to be cut across Manion Drive to facilitate the connection. A plan to restore the pavement was negotiated and approved by the Board. All facets of the project should be completed no later than Sep 1.

Other projects being considered:

- * Gate control software that will update the control system to current technology.

Changes will involve new procedures, entry pads, new remotes, and new wiring.

- * Security camera system at both north and south gates.

SECURITY CORNER by John and Carol Gates

Summer is here at Surf Pines. With it comes some warnings and precautions. Be careful when you mow your private beach trails. I have had two reports of strangers driving off the beach and up private trails right to the house. One of these resulted in the loss of a set of outdoor furniture. For safety reasons don't mow your trail too wide, so a vehicle can't drive on it and don't mow all the way to the beach.

Fire season has arrived. Outdoor burning is no longer allowed. You can still have a small recreational fire, but it must be in a fire pit and you must have a burning permit. These can be obtained from the Oregon Department of Forestry, 503-325-7215 or 325-5451

The warm weather brings many visitors to our neighborhood. Please slow down your driving speed. With so many walkers, bike riders, kids, dogs and wildlife, going over 25MPH is a real danger to everyone. In the last week I have used the speed gun to clock several residents driving close to 40 mph in Surf Pines. It is usually the same few over and over. You know whom you are so I am asking you once again to PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

If you are leaving for an extended period of time please let me know. I have had several calls from residents concerned about their neighbors. They haven't seen them and their newspapers are not being taken in and they are concerned. This leaves me to track emergency contacts to be sure everything is ok. It saves everyone concerned a lot of worry if you notify me or let a neighbor know before you leave.

Here is wishing all a safe and fun summer!

Earthquakes & Tsunami

What you should know

Oregon gets TWO kinds of tsunami: Know the difference!



A local tsunami comes ashore within 10 to 20 minutes after a nearby offshore earthquake that you will feel.

- Your only warning will be the ground shaking.
- If you are near the ocean, you need to move by foot to high ground as quickly as possible.
- Do not wait for an official warning.



A distant tsunami caused by a large undersea earthquake across the ocean will take at least a few hours to come ashore.

- There will usually be plenty of time for an official warning and evacuation, if necessary.
- Follow the instructions of local emergency responders and hotel staff.

Practice walking the route and explore the sights along the way.

Tsunamis can happen at any time

If you feel the ground shake:

- Do not wait for a warning if you are in a low lying area.
- Do not pack or delay.
- Evacuate on foot.
- Move inland to high ground. Try to get at least 100 feet above sea level.
- Do not return to shore after the first wave. More waves may be coming, even many hours later.

Some Earthquake and Tsunami tips for Oregon coast visitors!

If you're inside and you feel the ground shake, Drop, Cover and Hold on. If outside, move to an open area and drop and cover the back of your head and neck with your hands. After the shaking stops, move immediately to high ground as a tsunami (su-NAH-mee) could arrive in minutes. At the coast, you need to know where to find high ground in case of a tsunami. Make it your personal responsibility to be prepared while you play at the beach.



Credits and for more information:

- Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
- (503) 378-2911
- <http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM>
- Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)
- (503) 673-1555
- <http://www.OregonTsunami.org>
- Oregon Pacific Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC)
- (503) 284-1234
- www.oregonpacific.redcross.org
- National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP)
- <http://nthmp.tsunami.gov/>

Download a Tsunami Evacuation Map to your smart phone or mobile device:



More tsunami information:



Let friends and family know you are well during a natural disaster by going to the American Red Cross Safe and Well website:

